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St. John Vianney Catholic School Chooses Inclusion for Upcoming School Year

School partners with CLC Network to ensure children with special needs are included in mainstream education programs

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. (September 2015) – St. John Vianney Catholic School, located in Wyoming, Michigan, has partnered with CLC Network to more fully understand individuals with disabilities and to build support systems that enable their inclusion in all aspects of school life. CLC Network is a national non-profit committed to promoting the development of people with a variety of abilities and disabilities to live as active, integrated members of their communities.

“We recognized the need to do a better job of teaching all of God’s children,” said principal Gregg Bruno. “CLC Network's reputation for helping educators develop techniques to reach all students regardless of ability while building inclusionary practices is outstanding. The partnership will help meet our need to deliver the highest caliber of instruction possible, thereby enhancing student learning and achievement.”

The partnership will allow St. John Vianney Catholic School to more effectively welcome children with special needs into their educational community. A teacher consultant will be assigned to the school to assist with creating individualized student plans, curriculum assistance, transition plans, behavioral intervention plans, and general academic and social inclusion within the school. The school will also have access to best-practice online professional development sessions on Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorder, Behavior Management, Differentiated Instruction, Neurodevelopment, Bullying Prevention, Anxiety and Depression in the Classroom, and Restorative Justice, as well as school psychologists to help understand and create strategies for struggling learners.

"We believe that inclusion for students at all levels of ability changes the school community for the better," said Elizabeth Lucas Dombrowski, CLC Network executive director. "We are thrilled to work with Gregg and the entire St. John Vianney Catholic School staff to implement best practices that help all students reach their potential.”

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About CLC Network:

CLC Network is a national non-profit committed to promoting the development of people with a variety of abilities and disabilities to live as active, integrated members of their communities. The organization partners with families and organizations to more fully understand individuals with disabilities and to build support systems that enable their inclusion in all aspects of life. For more information on CLC Network or a list of available resources, visit www.clcnetwork.org.

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